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Two Proposed Initiatives Enter Circulation

1. *Public Service Contracts with Private Parties. Initiative Constitutional Amendment.*
2. *State Government Reorganization Plans. Legislative Vote Requirement. Initiative Statute.*

SACRAMENTO, CA --- Secretary of State Kevin Shelley announced today that the proponents of two initiatives may begin collecting petition signatures for their measures.

The Attorney General's official title and summary of each follows:

PUBLIC SERVICE CONTRACTS WITH PRIVATE PARTIES. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

- Authorizes governmental entities, including cities, counties, school districts and regional agencies, to contract with private entities and individuals for public services, except police and fire protection, if the governing body determines, in its sole discretion, that the public interest would be better served by contracting with the private sector.
- Allows the continuance of existing private contracts for police and fire protection services.

The summary of the estimated fiscal impact on state and local governments, as determined by the Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance, indicates that this measure has unknown fiscal impact, with potential net savings to state and local governments due to increased options for providing public services.

The proponents, Tony Strickland and Shawn Steel, must collect 598,105 signatures of registered voters, equal in number to eight percent of the total votes cast for governor in the 2002 gubernatorial election, in order to qualify the measure. The 150-day deadline to circulate petitions for this measure is July 25, 2005. The initiative proponents can be reached at 877-449-2700.

STATE GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION PLANS. LEGISLATIVE VOTE REQUIREMENT. INITIATIVE STATUTE.

- Amends state law to require a two-thirds vote in both houses of the Legislature, rather than the current requirement of a simple majority vote in either house, in order for the Legislature to reject a state government reorganization plan proposed by the Governor.
- Makes related findings and declarations.

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The Legislative Analyst's and Director of Finance's estimated fiscal impact summary indicates that this measure has unknown impact on state administrative costs. Fiscal impact would depend on future reorganization plans submitted by the Governor and on the actions of future legislatures.

The proponent, Joel Fox, must collect 373,816 signatures of registered voters, equal in number to five percent of the total votes cast for governor in the 2002 gubernatorial election, in order to qualify the measure. The 150-day deadline to circulate petitions for this measure is July 25, 2005. The initiative proponent can be reached at 916-325-0170.

For a copy of the complete texts, titles & summaries, and circulation calendars, please contact the Secretary of State's Press Office at 916-653-6575.